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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 197
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A RESOLUTION To recognize James B. Boyd, Jr. on the
occasion of retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, James B. Boyd, Jr. is one such estimable person who has served with probity for over thirty years with the Columbia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Having attended Andrews Elementary School and Whitthorne Junior High School, James Boyd completed his high school education after serving for three years in the United States Army in Germany, and he later attended Columbia State Community College; and

WHEREAS, He was employed on the 24th of August, 1970, with the Columbia Police Department, as a Patrolman; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd served as Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief before being promoted to Chief of Police on the 16th of December, 1988; and

WHEREAS, He also served as Interim City Manager from the 9th of August, 1999, through the 10th of March, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Throughout most of his career with the Columbia Police Department, he also found time to provide security to area businesses, and he handled collections and repossessions for a number of lending institutions in Maury County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the American Legion and the Elks Club, and lending his support to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Association, the International Association of Bomb Technicians, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (having served as Secretary and First Vice-President), the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Boyd also spends a great deal of his time camping, boating, landscaping, gardening, and following NASCAR racing (particularly Sterling Marlin); and

WHEREAS, Although he can often be found at rest, enjoying a quiet morning of watching the Tennessee River and listening to the birds sing, James Boyd is an energetic man, known for his perfectionism and distinct attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd is highly attentive to the feelings of others, and he often puts aside his personal preferences in order to please others; and

WHEREAS, He has earned a high level of respect within Maury County for his great patience and dignity; and

WHEREAS, He enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, Berrie Ann Coleman Boyd, his son, Jeffrey Wayne Boyd, his stepdaughter, Stephanie Priest Seaton, and his son-in-law, Joel Seaton; and

WHEREAS, James Boyd is a devoted grandparent to his four grandchildren, Robert Boyd, Adam Boyd, Terryn Joel Seaton, and Destiny Seaton; and

WHEREAS, He is a loving brother to his three siblings, Nellie Pruitt, Wendell Boyd, and Robert Boyd; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Highland Baptist Church, James Boyd exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement on April 30, 2001, James Boyd looks forward to traveling, spending more time exercising, and enjoying the company of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Chief James Boyd has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and the citizens of Columbia alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to James B. Boyd, Jr. our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.